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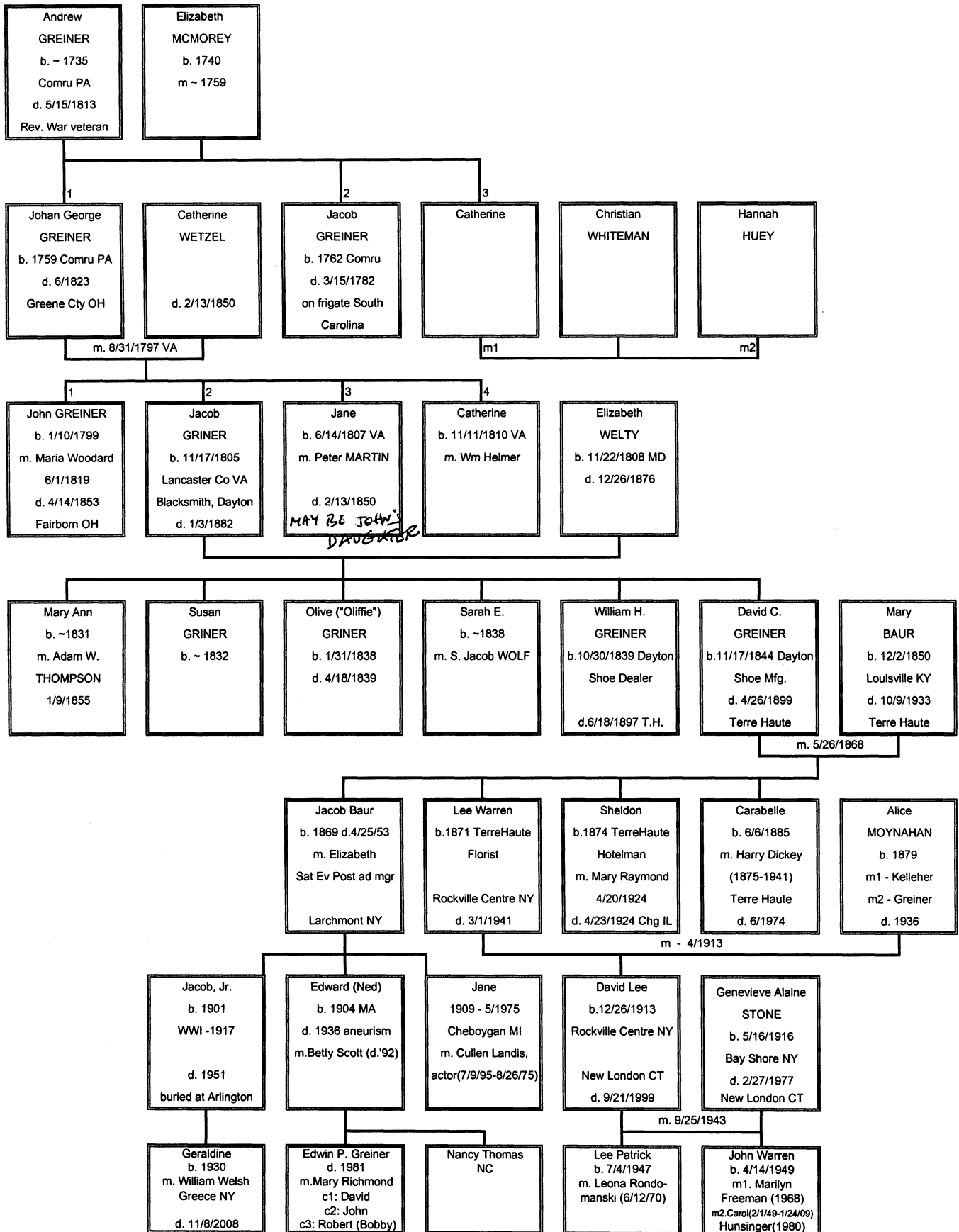
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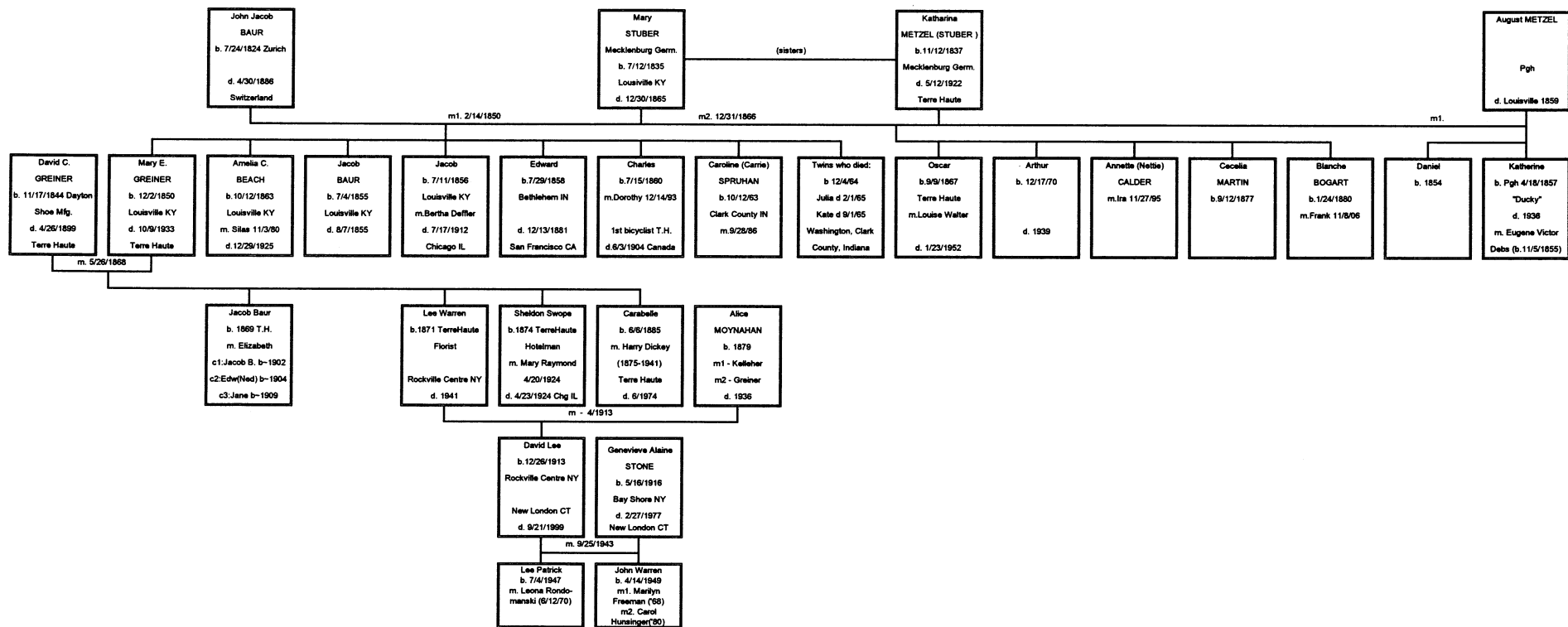


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death are unknown. Hannah Edmonds was born in 1834 in Vigo County and died before 1884. Hannah's parents were Samuel Edmonds (born 1797 in

Henry and Andalusia Elmore Bullock of Brazil, Clay County, Indiana. The family moved to Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. Willmina married at age

County, Indiana, and married Lilla Ashe, who was born in 1889 in Corsicana, Texas. Any information on these ancestors would be greatly appreciated. Contact: Sam Knutson P.O. Box

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Baur Family

Over the past 12 years, this column has examined some of the remarkable achievements by the John Jacob Baur family and their descendants.

Yet the complete story has not been told.

Baur emigrated to the U.S. from Switzerland in 1847, settling in Louisville as a mill operator. After living in New Washington, Ind., for a few years, he relocated to Terre Haute to found J.J. Baur Drug Store at the southeast corner of Seventh and Wabash in 1867.

J.J.'s first wife, Mary, was mother of his first six children: Mary, Amelia, Jacob, Edward and Charles. Upon her death, John Jacob wed the former Katherine Stuber, who had one daughter, Katherine "Kate" Metzel, by a prior marriage. Five more children were born in Terre Haute at 202 S. Eighth St., including sons Oscar and Arthur.

In 1880, Vigo County historian Samuel Barnes Gookins wrote: "John J. Baur probably devoted his time as fully and exclusively to his calling as any man who lived in Terre Haute."

Jacob and Charles Baur enrolled at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, preparing themselves to take over the business. Oscar matriculated to Rose Polytechnic Institute.

In the Spring of 1886 - before Oscar graduated from Rose Poly - John Jacob died unexpectedly while visiting his homeland and, on May 20, 1886, was interred at Terre Haute's Woodlawn Cemetery, next to son Edward who died Dec. 20, 1881.

Jacob managed the drug store. Whenever he needed soda water, Jacob put marble dust in a bottle, added sulphuric acid and captured the escaping carbon dioxide gas. Placed in water under pressure, it produced carbonated water.

For months, Jacob tried to perfect a way to make carbonated water by liquefying carbon dioxide and distributing it in pressurized cylinders. By late

1887, he thought he had the answer. Soliciting \$75,000 in financial aid from Terre Haute friends, particularly Deloss W. Minshall, Jacob launched a business called "Liquid Carbonic Acid Manufacturing Co."



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In 1888, the offices were moved from Terre Haute to Chicago and a factory built. But Baur - not yet confident of success - lived in Terre Haute, commuting by rail. Meanwhile, brother Charles

became manager of the Terre Haute House and Oscar, upon graduating from Rose, moved to Chicago to assist his half-brother.

Jacob's business was successful. For eight years, production was restricted to the manufacture of carbonated water for soft drinks. The corporate name was changed, thankfully, to Liquid Carbonic Corp. Eventually, the firm fabricated bottling equipment, carbonators, washers, pasteurizers and flavor extracts.

In November 1901, Jacob loaned a St. Louis friend \$3,500. Relying almost exclusively on Baur's capital, John F. Queeny founded the Monsanto Corp. (using his wife's maiden name), which produced the first saccharine, "a marvel of modern science." Liquid Carbonics, which used the sweetener in its extracts, was Monsanto's first customer.

Charles Baur died June 3, 1904, at age 44, and Arthur, J.J. Baur's youngest son, became the manager of Baur Drug Store. Meanwhile, Oscar and Arthur's half-sister Kate married labor leader Eugene V. Debs.

On Nov. 23, 1908, Jacob Baur wed Bertha Duppler, a stenographer with a law degree from Mineral Point, Wis. The couple

had one daughter before Jacob's untimely death on June 19, 1912.

Oscar Baur and Charles Minshall, Deloss Minshall's son, came to Bertha's rescue. However, Bertha was willing to serve as the company's chief executive. The inheritance she received was said to be "worth at least \$2.5 million."

Bertha enlisted assistance to take care of daughter Rosemary while she worked and lobbied for ratification of the 19th Amendment. The 1920 census listed a butler, cook, two maids and a governess residing with them at 30 Cedar St. in Chicago.

On Aug. 1, 1926 - the year she first was named to the Republican National Committee - Bertha sold her Liquid Carbonics stock for \$4 million. She already had waged a tough but unsuccessful campaign to secure the Republican congressional nomination from incumbent Fred A. Britten. And, before her death at age 95 in 1967, Bertha was the official hostess of two Republican National Conventions in Chicago.

On her 18th birthday in 1929, Rosemary Baur inherited \$2.5 million from a trust established by her father. A graduate of Bryn Mawr College and "Chicago's richest debutante," she married Brennan Bartle Bull, a graduate of Eton and Oxford universities and "millionaire Canadian legislator," on Nov. 7, 1931. Bull died of a heart attack on Oct. 18, 1950, at age 48.

Bartle and Rosemary Bull had two children: Bartle Bull, a Harvard Law School graduate and a popular writer; and Romia Bull, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. executive who wed Geoffrey D. Kimball.

Oscar Baur's first wife died in Pittsburgh during September 1900, leaving Oscar Baur, Jr. to be raised in Terre Haute by Aunt Kate and Uncle Eugene Debs. Before her death on May 12, 1922, Katherine Baur also resided with the Debs on N. Eighth St.

When Oscar moved back to Terre Haute in 1933 to reestablish the Terre Haute Brewing Co., Oscar Jr. joined him. So did the only son of his second marriage, Edward. Oscar Baur, Jr., vice president of Terre Haute Brewing Co., died at age 36, at his home in Allendale, on July 6, 1937.

Successful in making Champagne Velvet, "The Beer With the Million Dollar Flavor," Oscar Sr. died Jan. 23, 1952, at age 84. Like the families of Jacob and Charles, Oscar and his family, including Edward and his wife, are interred at Highland Lawn Cemetery.

Arthur Baur and his wife Nellie raised their family in Terre Haute. Arthur Jr. died on Jan. 22, 1902 at age 3. Oldest son Robert, born in 1903, died in March 1995. Arthur died in August 1939.

Johnson Jacob "John" Baur, Arthur's second son born in 1906, became enamored with the theater while growing up during the vaudeville era in Terre Haute. Upon graduation from the Chicago Art Institute, Johnson secured employment as a costume designer. For several years, he toured with A.B. Marcus Shows and worked for Vincente Minnelli and vaudeville chains, including Balaban & Katz.

Johnson Baur founded John Baur Theatrical Costumes Co. in 1940 in partnership with Bernard Peterson. The firm survived for 40 years.

Nationally recognized in his field, Baur worked until he was 90, sewing and fitting performers at major Chicago theaters and the Lyric Opera House. Pavarotti was among his patrons. He died at his Lincoln Park home in Chicago on Feb. 2, 2002, at age 96.

A memorial service was conducted and Johnson's ashes were interred May 3, 2002, on his parents' plot in Highland Lawn Cemetery.

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